

HEALTH ISSUES

DENTAL RESEARCH

APRIL 4, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:19) TRT 00:37

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MANDATORY HIV

APRIL 4, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:17) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the findings of one new study could have helped reduce the number of newborns infected with HIV. A University of Illinois study said when 100 thousand pregnant women were tested in Chicago, about five infants' infections were prevented. When compared to voluntary testing, mandatory screenings would save about three and a half million dollars and prevent 64 infant infections. The findings were based in Chicago. Researchers said it was possible everywhere. The study was in the American Academy of Pediatrics Magazine.

DIET DRUGS

APRIL 4, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:21) TRT 00:32

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a settlement had been reached with the manufacturers of two diet drugs. The makers of drugs, Fen-phen and Redux had agreed to settle a class action lawsuit. All that came at a time when another study linked the drugs to heart valve problems. The new study indicated the problems were rarely serious. The two biggest problems were regurgitation and leakage of the aortic valve. Researchers found that a leaky aortic valve was 2 to 3 times greater among those who used the two drugs.

BREAST LAWSUIT

APRIL 4, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:34) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that a family of an Ontario woman who only wanted breast implants but ended up brain dead won a multi-million dollar lawsuit. A jury awarded that 12 million dollars be spread over an expected life span of 23 years to Monique Thompson. Two years before, Thompson went to Upland Outpatient Surgical Center for breast implants. Thompson's husband said his wife was given too much anesthesia. An attorney for Upland Outpatient Surgical Center said in 25 years there had only been tow such incidents

TEEN STDS

APRIL 7, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:18) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that a new study on teenagers and sex suggested American teens were more likely to catch sexually transmitted diseases than teens in other countries. The study showed that many family doctors in this country still did not talk about STD's with their teenage patients. Pregnancy rates were also higher in American teens than in some other Western countries. The study called for better programs to educate kids about STD's before they began having sex.

WATER RULES

APRIL 10, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:32) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that Vice President Al Gore would announce Federal Water Regulations that day. The new rules were aimed at protecting people form viruses and bacteria in tap water that came from wells. The Environmental Protection Agency Proposal would require municipal water agencies that used underground aquifers to monitor them more closely for disease-causing parasites and bacteria. The new rules would apply only to public water systems serving at least 15 homes that used wells and underground aquifers for at least part of the water supply.

KIDNEY TRANSPLANT

APRIL 10, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2: 16) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported on a kidney transplant that may well have saved a boy's life. Eighth grade teacher Jane Smith headed home from a hospital in North Carolina that day, after donating one of her kidneys. The previous August she learned her student, Michael Carter, suffered serious kidney problems. She offered one her kidneys. Michael was still recovering from his previous operation and would be in the hospital a few days longer.

LOWRIDER AIDS

APRIL 12, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:22) TRT 00:33

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that health officials said Latinos accounted for about one out of three new AIDS cases in the state. That was being called a "moving billboard", and would be used to promote AIDS Awareness in the Latino community. A 1953 Chevy Bel Air low-rider would cruise through Latino communities across the state, giving out information and promoting safer sex. The "car strategy" was unveiled that day in East Los Angeles. Talk Show host Christina Saralegui was helping launch the car tour. The car would be used as a "moving billboard" at cultural events and car shows that target not only young Latinos, but also low-rider fans.

VITAMIN E

APRIL 17, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:26) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that scientists had found yet another reason for you to take those Vitamin E pills. It appeared they could save your heart. The findings came out of a major research conference in San Diego. Scientists at "Experimental Biology 2000" said Vitamin E was a major factor fighting heart disease. It kept blood from clogging the arteries. The problem was most of us did not get enough of it. Scientists said a natural source Vitamin E was more effective than the synthetic type.

CANCER MYTHS

APRIL 17, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:24) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that it appeared Americans in general still did not know enough about cancer. There were many common misconceptions about the disease. The information came from people who ran cancer hotlines. Among the false beliefs were that cancer always resulted in death, that cancer was contagious and that it spread when exposed to air. Cancer specialists said it was important for everyone to know as much as possible about cancer because there was no treatment available as effective as prevention.

MOSQUITO PILL

APRIL 20, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:26) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that a pill could eliminate mosquitoes and other insects, and it was in its final stages of testing. The Florida scientist claimed he was perfected the so-called "diet" method that kept insects from digesting so they would starve no matter how much they ate. The Environmental Protection Agency was reviewing the pill that year. Officials expected to use the product in the field trials as early as this summer.

DRY MOUTH

APRIL 21, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:18) TRT 00:34

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that the common problem of "dry mouth" could lead to serious medical problems. The condition was a syndrome affecting mostly women over 40. It started with mouth pain, difficulty chewing and speaking and mouth infections. It could lead to autoimmune diseases. It could cause inflammation in the lungs, liver, kidneys, and brain, and could also affect the neurological and digestive systems. People with the condition should see their doctor. The cause of the condition was not known, but heredity, hormones and infections could play a role.

NEW ANTIBIOTIC

APRIL 21, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:24) TRT 00:29

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the Food and Drug Administration had approved the first new antibiotic in 35 years. Zyvox was described as an entirely new type of anti-biotic. It came at a time when anti-biotics had been failing to beat all types of bacteria. The new drug would be used to treat common pneumonia and skin infection as well as drug resistant staph infections. Its main target would be a germ called enter-ococcus. That bacterium was often deadly to hospital patients.

COLON CANCER FIBER

APRIL 24, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:25) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that high fiber, low fat diets may have been good for your health. They did not reduce the risk of colon cancer as previously thought. A new study published in the New England Journal of Medicine showed the diet had no affect on colon polyps. A second study had similar findings. Doctors said it could reduce your risk of hart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes and some other cancers.

ALZHEIMER'S FIGHT

APRIL 25, 2000 12:00 P.M (12:17) TRT 00:45

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that Alzheimer's Disease could be devastating for a family. Yankee all star, Chuck Knoblauch, knew about that first hand. He wanted to help others recognize the early symptoms of the disease. Knoblauch made a name for himself playing second base for the Yankees. He said the most important thing to him was what was going on at home. His father had Alzheimer's. At first he thought his father's forgetfulness was simply a sign of old age. Doctors said there were medications to slow down the symptoms of Alzheimer's in some cases if the disease was detected early on. Some four million Americans had Alzheimer's and the number of cases was expected to triple in the next 50 years.

RITALIN

APRIL 25, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:27) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that a Michigan Medical examiner insisted that Ritalin was to blame for the death of a teenager. 14-year-old Matthew Smith died the previous month of a heart attack. The medical examiner determined that it was brought on by years of taking the drug Ritalin. Smith took it for 10 years to treat his attention deficit disorder. A spokesman for Novartis, the company that made the drug, said there was no evidence to connect the death to Ritalin and he said that the drug was safe and effective.

PROSTATE CALCIUM

APRIL 26, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:19) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that eating right could be the key to preventing cancer. Researchers thought they had found a connection between diet and prostate cancer. Too much dietary calcium may not have been good for people with prostate cancer. It could lower the body's level of Vitamin D, which was what protected the prostate. Researchers stressed that this study only suggested a possible link between calcium intake and prostate cancer. They were not recommending any dietary changes.

ESTROGEN HEART

APRIL 26, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:21) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that a new study about estrogen and your heart did not have good news to report. It showed that older women taking estrogen were actually more likely to suffer from heart attacks in the first two years of taking the supplement. The risk was slight, but it raised more questions about the effect of the hormone on the heart. Scientists still hoped that estrogen could prevent or delay heart disease. Other studies showed that estrogen did not do anything in women who already had heart disease.

DENTAL RESEARCH

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JESSE HELMS

APRIL 27, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:33) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a 78-year-old Senator said he us now used a cane after being diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy. The disease affected various nerves by breaking down the part of the body that covers nerve endings. Helms said the condition affected his feet but was relatively painless. He was undergoing treatment, but the disease had no cure. In the past, he had several other health problems, including cancer and heart disease.

CELLULITE PILL

APRIL 27, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:36) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a new product for people with cellulite was drawing both rave reviews and heated criticism. Makers of the herbal supplement "Cellasene" claimed it melted cellulite and fat away. A government probe was looking into those claims. Makers put the product on the market after a three-month study on only nine women. Critics said the product was misleading because cellulite was caused by thickened connective tissue, not fat. The University of Miami was now conducting a more scientific study Celasene.

FIT TIPS

APRIL 28, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:25) TRT 00:16

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that after a long weekend of resting and indulging, the work week was just around the corner. The following day would be the time to get those muscles toned and that heart pumping.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

APRIL 28, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:28) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the state of Hawaii was about to hop on the bandwagon to legalize marijuana for medical use. The state became the eighth state to do so. The bill which cleared the State Senate would allow people with AIDS, cancer and other diseases to smoke pot to ease pain, with a doctor's written consent. Hawaii's Governor said he would sign the bill. California already had a marijuana law on the books.

BACK TO SLEEP

APRIL 28, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:34) TRT 00:42

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that another message that was not getting through was how to put a baby to sleep. Doctors recommended babies sleep on their backs to prevent some cases of sudden infant death syndrome. African-American babies were still dying of SIDS much more often than white babies. Researchers believed a big reason for the higher rate of SIDS in

African-American babies was the position in which a baby slept. White babies were twice as likely to be placed on their backs to sleep than black babies, after a nationwide campaign six years before. Researchers urged greater efforts to promote acceptance of the "back to sleep" message among more African-American and for more doctors to encourage all parents to do the same from the moment of birth.

DIET MESSAGES

APRIL 29, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:27) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that eating a healthy diet would reduce your risk of getting cancer, heart disease, strokes, and let you live longer. 6 out of 10 of the leading causes of death were tied to obesity.

REEVE TESTIFIES

APRIL 29, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:17) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that actor Christopher Reeve appeared before a Senate subcommittee that day urging them to drop a Federal ban on stem cell research. These cells could be the key to repairing damaged organs like Reeve's injured spinal cord. Paralyzed since a 1995 horse accident, Reeve wanted Capitol Hill to move this research forward. The government had a ban on Federal dollars for the research because it involved using tissue from human embryos or fetuses. Some lawmakers had introduced legislation to lift the Federal ban.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG

APRIL 30, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:24) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that high drug prices were making many prescriptions out of reach for older Americans who needed them. That was according to the advocacy group "Families USA." They said the cost of prescription drugs the previous year rose faster than the rate of inflation. They presented that information to President Clinton that morning. The study also found wholesale prices for fifty prescription drugs often used by older Americans went up nearly four percent the previous year. Government figures showed the rate of inflation was 2.7%.

DYE TESTING

MAY 4, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:21) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the strange red dye added to the water off Huntington Beach was just part of a science experiment. The red was dye non-toxic to humans and animals. City officials closed the beach that day from the Santa Ana River to Newland Street while scientists studied the movement of water and urban runoff. The beach was expected to re-open the following morning.

DHA EGGS

MAY 8, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:16) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that new efforts were being made to find out if nutrition could cut the risk of premature births. A bio-science company was funding a clinical trial to see if eggs with the nutrient DHA could benefit women at risk of delivering their babies pre-term. Research in the early 1990's suggested that large doses of DHA from fish oil, in the last trimester of pregnancy would extend the length of gestation. A small preliminary trial, using eggs rich in DHA has shown similar results.

ANTIBIOTICS/H2O

MAY 11, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:20) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a Government study was looking into our rivers and streams finding all kinds of drugs in them from ulcer medications to animal growth promoters. Researchers wanted to know if these drugs in our waterways would make disease-causing bacteria more resistant to antibiotics. Researchers said the drugs found in our waterways were coming from two main places, wastewater treatment plants, and hog waste lagoons.

FEMALE SEX HELP

MAY 15, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:27) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that there was help that afternoon for women who had the equivalent of male impotence. It was a condition called "female sexual arousal disorder." The Food and Drug Administration had just approved a device to help women improve sexual satisfaction. The device was called eros. It was a vacuum pump that increased blood flow. It would be sold by prescription only.

STROKE AWARENESS

MAY 18, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:29) TRT 00:35

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that May was National Stroke Awareness month. The National Stroke Association wanted everyone, especially baby boomers to know the early warning signs of a stroke and that strokes can be prevented. Most strokes happened due to a lack of blood flow to the brain. That lack could be caused by hardening of the arteries, small artery problems, or when a blood clot broke off from somewhere and blocked an artery in the brain. The early warning signs of a stroke were called transient ischemic.

HEPATITIS RISK

MAY 23, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:22) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on a Hepatitis scare in Contra Costa County. The potential victims were more than 700 kids in a head start program. Sliced strawberries were suspected as the source of the problem. They were served on waffles for breakfast two weeks before. The batch of bad berries could be linked to the same tainted fruit that caused hepatitis "A" outbreak in Boston. The county was preparing immunization kits. The following day, any kids at risk would get a free injection.

HYPERTENSION

MAY 29, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:32) TRT 00:18

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that it was National High Blood Pressure Month. It was part of a major campaign by the National heart, lung and blood institute to remind you that high blood pressure could be a killer.

ANTIBIOTICS OVER

JUNE 1, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:16) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that for years, antibiotics had been the cure all for doctors trying to tackle infections. Now there had been concern over the use of antibiotics leading to infections that could not be cured. With the growing number of resistant strains, pharmaceutical companies were rushing to create new antibiotics and prevent them from being over prescribed. Experts were also examining possible problems with the consumers' quest for a germ free home. The American Medical Association said it was so worried about that. It was considering discouraging the use of anti-bacterial soaps and solutions.

CELLULITE

JUNE 5, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:24) TRT 00:15

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that cellulite was a problem many women worried about. Cellasene cost about 35 dollars for a two week supply. Both endermologie and the body wrap ranged from 75 to one hundred dollars a treatment. You would usually need about 8 weeks for it to work.

DIABETES

JUNE 7, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:23) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 reporter Andre Moreau reported on an exciting new treatment that could free diabetes patients of insulin injections. A transplant procedure combined with new drugs might allow some patients to live without painful insulin injections. Doctors at the University of Alberta said

they had successfully transplanted insulin producing cells into eight patients who suffered with type one diabetes. The patients also received a combination of three anti-rejection drugs. A larger trial would begin that summer. More research was needed but the results were not promising.

HUMAN GENOME

JUNE 9, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:20) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 reporter Mia Lee reported that patients were already reaping the benefits, as scientists set to map out the entire genetic makeup of humans. Scientists were near completion of the human "Genome" map. They said people with cancer and other fatal diseases would be among those who would benefit. Using a simple blood test, experts could separate the genes a patient had inherited from both father and mother, and tell patients exactly what potential abnormalities they had that could lead to disease. Critics said knowing could give patients a fatalistic feeling, and invite potential discrimination from future employers.

WOMEN'S HEALTH

JUNE 14, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:26) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 reporter Andre Moreau reported that a woman's advocacy group was calling for more money and research into diseases that are more specific to women. Less than 15 percent of the National Institute of Health Budget devoted to women's health issues, even though women were more likely than men to suffer certain chronic diseases like osteoporosis, arthritis, depression, and lung cancer. The task force was also calling for more education on women's health issues expanded screening programs, and better access to new technology.

DIABETES ALTERNATIVE

JUNE 16, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:23) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that one out of 5 people in the US use some type of alternative medicine, and for a number of reasons. They were dissatisfied with conventional medicine, including side effects and cost. They felt a need for personal control over their healthcare decisions, or they had philosophical differences with their doctors. Despite the growing popularity of alternative medicine, there had not been much research on it.

ABORTION RULING

JUNE 20, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:18) TRT 00:21

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported on two more Supreme Court rulings deal setbacks for abortion opponents. One decision struck down Nebraska's partial birth abortion law as an undue baby's rights. The other decision upheld a Colorado statute prohibiting protesters within eight

fetal clinics. Conservatives were outraged. Activists who supported abortion said the decision was a victory for all women who value to choose.

PROSTATE CANCER

JUNE 23, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:27) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that researchers claimed an over the counter dietary supplement could help men suffering with prostates. Researchers at the University of Chicago ran clinical trials involving "Trinovin." It was a mixture of iso-flay-vones that came from red clover. Researchers said middle-aged men were taking the supplement experienced a 25 percent decline in symptoms associated with enlarged prostate. Nearly 14 million American men suffered with enlarged prostate.

BIRTH CONTROL OVER

JUNE 28, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:19) TRT 01:35

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that in countries like Japan and the Phillipines, all you had to do was grab a pack of birth control pills from the store shelves. The pills were only prescription in the USA. Gynecologist Robert Hatcher had been studying the pill since its development. He said over 40 years of widespread use had shown it to be perfect safety for over the counter. Doctors said because birth control pills contain hormones, there were potentially harmful side effects like heart disease and stroke, especially for women over the age of 35 who also smoke. They could be ineffective if they were not taken properly at the same time every day, in the right dose.

MINORITY ISSUES

SOCIAL SECURITY

APRIL 4, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:21) TRT 00:29

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that Vice President Al Gore was campaigning that day and said he wanted to make social security more "female friendly." The Democratic Presidential Candidate made the announcement in Philadelphia. Gore said his proposals would make sure that homemakers and widowers got their fair share of social security. Among his proposals, credit for up to five years away from paying jobs, to raise children. That would increase a mother's benefit about 600 dollars a week. Gore also criticized his Republican rival's tax-cut plan saying it left no money to improve the social security system.

SYNAGOGUE SUSPECT

APRIL 5, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:16) TRT 00:22

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that two white supremacist brothers arrived at Federal Court in Sacramento under heavy police escort for face charges of setting fire to three Synagogues and an abortion clinic. The two already were accused of murdering a gay couple. The temples burned the previous June causing a million dollars in damage. In court that day, the brothers pleaded "not guilty" to charges of arsony and destruction of religious property.

ABORTION MAN

APRIL 6, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:23) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that for the third time in five years, the House had voted to ban so called partial birth abortions. The bill would outlaw certain late term abortions, except when a woman's life was at stake. The debate was sharply divided. The House vote was enough to over-ride an expected Presidential veto. The Senate probably would sustain a veto, like it had done before.

BUSH/GAYS

APRIL 11, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:32) TRT 00:22

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Republican Presidential Candidate George W. Bush met with gay Republicans in Austin that day. Bush said he welcomed gays and lesbians into his campaign. He said he still disagreed with gays on some issues such as gay marriage, but he was mindful that "We're all God's children." Bush took some heat for saying he would not meet with Log Cabin Republicans earlier in the campaign.

ITALY ANIMAL RIG

APRIL 13, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:16) TRT 00:33

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that members of the Animal Rights Group "People for the ethical treatment of animals" were at the Indian Embassy in Rome, Italy that day, to protest against the Indian leather trade. The group wanted to highlight what it said was the plight of Indian cows destined for the leather market. Actress Pamela Anderson had thrown her support behind this campaign. Members of Peta said cattle were forced to walk hundreds of miles to slaughter houses in the few regions where the practice was legal. The group said it planned to occupy every Indian Embassy in the world got its message out.

VERMONT GAY MARRIAGE

APRIL 17, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:25) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that a gay marriage bill was moving closer to becoming law in Vermont. The State Senate approved the measure that day and Vermont's Democratic Governor said he would sign it. The Vermont bill was the most far-reaching acceptance of gay marriage anywhere in U.S. It stopped short of recognizing gay marriages. It gave Gay couples all the rights of a Vermont Civil Marriage under the Senate proposal. It could not go into effect until July first.

GRANNY ARRESTED

APRIL 19, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:06) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported on no mercy form the Capitol Police. They arrested a 90-year-old activist known as Granny D, for protesting inside the U.S. Capitol. Granny D walked across the country to raise awareness about campaign finance reform. She started in Pasadena New Year's Day in 1999 and ended up in Washington the previous February. The New Hampshire senior was arrested along with 29 other protesters. It was illegal to demonstrate inside the Capitol building. The maximum fine was 500 dollars and six months in jail.

GAY MARRIAGE

APRIL 21, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:34) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported on a huge victory for gay couples in the state of Vermont. The Governor there had signed a law that gave them nearly all the benefits of marriage. It was the most sweeping law of its kind in the country. The bill would allow gay couples about 300 rights given married couples such as taxes, inheritance, and medical decision-making. Other states would probably not recognize the Vermont law, nor will Federal law.

DISABLED CITIZEN

APRIL 25, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:12) TRT 00:14

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a Southland woman that suffered from cerebral palsy had been denied citizenship and her family was suing. The INS claimed the woman could not repeat the oath or even raise her hand to take it. Her family said that was discrimination..

IMMIGRANT CHASE

APRIL 28, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:17) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported on a high-speed pursuit on Southland freeways. It was a desperate run by a van full of suspected illegal immigrants. Authorities chased the van from Riverside County to Anaheim early that morning after it ran a checkpoint in Temecula. The chase wound through the 15 and 91 freeways, reaching speeds of 80 miles an hour. Authorities finally stopped the van and arrested 15 people.

RACIAL PROFILING

MAY 3, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:36) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that an LA organization was speaking out against a racial profiling bill, one that Governor Gray Davis said he would back. Members of the "National Alliance for Positive Action" were calling the racial profiling bill an "empty piece of legislation". During a news conference that day in Los Angeles, the group called on Governor Gray Davis and lawmakers to enact better legislation. It would be a bill that would require law enforcement agencies to collect data by race, gender, and age on unwanted traffic stops. Organizers said they expected a response from Governor Davis later that day.

FEMALE EXECUTION

MAY 8, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:23) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that time was quickly running out for a condemned Arkansas inmate slated to be the state's first woman put to death in 150 years. Christina Riggs was scheduled to be executed the following day. She was sentenced to death for suffocating her five-year-old son and two-year-old daughter three years before. At first, she blamed her actions on trauma caused by her work as a nurse during the Oklahoma city bombing. But prosecutors claimed Riggs hated her son and plotted the children's deaths for two weeks.

RACIAL PROFILING

MAY 11, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:19) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that anger and outrage over a bill supported by Governor Gray Davis to end racial profiling. Members of the National Alliance for Positive Action called

it toothless and meaningless. Hutchinson and other community activists said the bill did not address the key issue; requiring law enforcement agencies to collect data by race, gender and age on all black and Latino motorists who were stopped in unwarranted traffic stops. He was asking that Governor Davis and State Senator Kevin Murray, who authored the bill, respond immediately to their concerns.

WOMEN/SEX

MAY 15, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:23) TRT 00:09

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that Viagra, the anti-impotence drug, had been a hit with men since it hit the market only two years before. Evidence was coming out that it could also work for women.

SOCIAL SECURITY

MAY 18, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:32) TRT 0:10

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that Social Security recipients who got help managing their benefits may have been targets for con artists. Some lawmakers said that showed the need for tighter controls.

BUMB FRAUD

MAY 22, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:26) TRT 00:09

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that what was hurting some of the nation's most vulnerable social security recipients were millions of dollars mismanaged and redirected into the bank accounts of those entrusted to help the beneficiaries.

SECRET SERVICE

MAY 23, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:29) TRT 00:32

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that they were willing to take a bullet for the President, but they could not get promoted even with stellar evaluations. That day, ten current and former African American secret service agents filed a racial discrimination lawsuit against the secret service agency in Washington, D.C. The agents claimed that the agency had discriminated against them in hiring, promotions, and assignments, ever since 1974. The agents wanted up to 300 thousand dollars each in back-pay and other compensation, and a court order telling the department to end unfair practices. The agency said there were several Assistant Directors and agency field office leaders who were African American.

GAY SCHOOL

MAY 25, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:21) TRT 00:41

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that students at a northern California high school tried to start a gay straight alliance club on campus. Even though they were voted down by the student council, they were not giving up. There were 24 hundred students at Lodi High School. More than a dozen clubs were allowed to meet on campus including young republicans and the Christian Club. The student council voted 13 to nothing to ban the Gay Club.

LANGHAM CHECK

MAY 29, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:34) TRT 00:29

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the LA Gay and Lesbian Center was 10 thousand dollars richer because of a donation from actor Wallace Langham. It was part of his sentence for attacking a gay man. The actor was not present when City Attorney James Hahn presented the check. Hahn said he chose the school-based "safe-haven" project because education was the best tool against hate crimes. Langham, who had a role on "Veronica's Closet", pleaded no contest to battery charge stemming from the attack. The actor was also ordered to perform 450 hours of community service.

ELIAN TONIGHT

JUNE 2, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:19) TRT 00:15

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that Elian Gonzales was a step closer to boarding a plane back to Cuba. An appeals court said he did not have a right to ask for asylum. That pretty much cleared the way for Elian's father to take the six-year-old home soon, but Elian's Miami relatives still had some options.

TITO PUENTE OBITUARY

JUNE 6, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:23) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Latin Music fans everywhere that night were mourning the death of super musician Tito Puente. Puente paved the way for many world famous Latin performances that day. He was best known for his flamboyant style and love of mambo rhythms, which drew fans of all ages and backgrounds. Tito Puente died in New York after unsuccessful heart surgery. He was 77 years old.

CUBA/DEMOS

JUNE 8, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:15) TRT 00:36

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that half a million women in Cuba turned out for a mothers march, protesting another delay in the return of six-year-old Elian Gonzales to his homeland.

Hundreds of thousands of women marched past the US Interest Section building, chanting down with the farce liberate Elían. The protest was in response to an Atlanta Federal Appeals Court ruling which prevented Elían Gonzales from returning to Cuba until his Miami relatives had a chance to appeal. President Fidel Castro joined Elían's grandmothers and other relatives at the rally. The march was organized by the government to denounce what it called cynical and cruel maneuvers by the United States.

FII PROTEST

JUNE 13, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:17) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that the political unrest on the island nation of Fiji took center stage in Culver City. Several hundred protestors of Fijian descent took to the streets that day. They were demanding that the leader of the recent coup in Fiji, return control of the country to the Prime Minister. The political landscape in Fiji was thrown into turmoil in May where six gunmen stormed into the nation's parliament taking more than 30 hostages. Since then, the Fiji military had declared martial law and thrown out a constitution granting rights to the island ethnic Indian minority.

SCHOOL RACISM

JUNE 16, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:24) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported on charges that night that incidents of racial intolerance were growing in local schools. The Congress of racial equality held a news conference to serve notice that such behavior would not be tolerated. Core cited incidents in the Torrance and LA Unified School Districts, which they said showed bias on the part of administrators toward minority students.

JOB DISCRIMINATION

JUNE 20, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:28) TRT 00:10

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that five employees of the Nissan Corporation filed suit against the company. They said their complaints to management about racial and sexual harassment on the job fell on deaf ears.

HATE CRIMES

JUNE 22, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:19) TRT 00:13

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that a tolerance forum was being held that night in Pasadena, in an effort to bring two communities together. The forum was in response to recent violence between young Latinos and Armenians.

CITIZENSHIP DENIED

JUNE 26, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:32) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the INS had turned down an appeal to grant citizenship to a young disabled woman. The attorney for 25-year-old Vijai Rijan said the case was headed for court. Vijai had cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy, and had the understanding of a one-year-old. Her parents both became citizens. But Vijai was denied citizenship because she could not raise her hand or voice to take the oath.

HATE CRIME

JUNE 27, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:21) TRT 00:18

KCAL9 reporter Mia Lee reported that a southland family woke up to find their home tagged with hate. The racist graffiti was left on the front of a Colton home belonging to a Pyrenn Trimble and her family. Trimble's daughter discovered it that morning. Trimble said that she lived in the house for 10 years and had never had a problem.

DEATH PENALTY

JUNE 28, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:14) TRT 00:36

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that protestors in Texas cried racism even as the man convicted in a Taco Bell killing spree executed. Death row opponents held up protest signs in Austin. Jessy San Miguel was executed that day for the murders of four people at an Irvine Taco bell restaurant in 1991. Prosecutors said he was arrested with a "Taco Bell" bag full of money, and a pistol. They said he confessed to committing the murders because he said they could not make good Mexican food. Opponents claimed San Miguel was unfairly convicted when prosecutors used racial stereotypes. San Miguel was the fifth person executed in Texas that month.

POLITICAL ISSUES

REAGAN'S GOLD MEDAL

APRIL 4, 2000 12:00 (12:13) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that former President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy Reagan would soon be honored with the Congressional Gold Medal. The honor would recognize Reagan's leadership in "restoring optimism to the nation" and bringing an end to the Cold War. It would also honor Mrs. Reagan for her efforts to curb drug and alcohol abuse. The resolution to present the medal cleared the House the previous day.

BUSH/ELIAN

APRIL 4, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:17) TRT 00:17

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that Texas Governor George W. Bush was also in Pennsylvania, campaigning. The "Republican Presidential Candidate" spoke at a suburban high school touting his education reform plan. He took a moment to give Attorney General Janet Reno some advice about the Elian Gonzales custody battle. Bush was in Pennsylvania for the State's Primary there that day.

ELIAN

APRIL 4, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:22) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the father of Elian Gonzales had a travel visa and would soon be coming to the U.S. to be reunited with his son. The State Department approved the visa for Juan Miguel Gonzales the previous night. That day, crowds of demonstrators outside the Miami home of Elian Gonzalez' family broke through police barriers. Those inside the barrier were holding hands to form a human chain. Hundreds of others held signs and chanted their beliefs that the boy should remain in Miami. That day, negotiations between INS and the family broke off.

ELIAN

APRIL 6, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:32) TRT 00:40

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that the American lawyer for the father of Elian Gonzalez was heading back to Washington that day, as the tug of war over the little boy continued. He failed in his mission to persuade Cuban authorities to let him escort juvenile Gonzalez to the U.S. The U.S. granted a visa to Juan Gonzalez, but he still had not said when and if he was coming to the United States. On Cuban T.V., he said he would either come alone

or with a 28-person entourage. The U.S. granted only six visas. Immigration officials were still optimistic. Meantime, a group of protesters gathered outside Janet Reno's Miami home. Many of them said they were willing to go to jail to keep Elian in the U.S.

ELIAN

APRIL 10, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:21) TRT 00:11

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the six-year-old Cuban refugee could be back in his father's arms the following day.

NEW SPEAKER

APRIL 10, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:24) TRT 00:11

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that California's State Assembly had a new speaker that night. Democrat Robert Hertzberg of Van Nuys took the oath in the Assembly Chamber. Hertzberg replaced Antonio Villaraigosa, who stepped down to run for Mayor of Los Angeles.

STATE OF CITY

APRIL 12, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:26) TRT 00:32

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the L.A. Mayor's Annual State of the City Address was normally a time to brag about the city's achievements. That day's speech was dominated by the LAPD corruption scandal. Mayor Richard Riordan spoke at the El Capitan Theater in Hollywood. He said the Rampart scandal reflected terribly on the city, and promised to get to the bottom of it. Later in a talk with reporters, Riordan welcomed that the corruption charges were expected to be filed soon against the two officers. The Mayor called Bernard Parks the greatest Police Chief in the world for his effort to root out corruption.

ELIAN

APRIL 13, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:16) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 reporter Leanne Suter reported that in the 11th hour attempt to keep Elian Gonzalez in the United States, his Miami relatives had once again turned to the courts, getting a temporary injunction that would keep the 6-year-old in their care. For Elian's father, it was not the legal maneuvering that had him upset, but the home video of his son released by the Miami family.

MIRANDA RIGHTS

APRIL 17, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:22) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that the Supreme Court heard extensive arguments over whether a suspect's "Miranda rights" were actually overturned by a law passed by Congress two

years later. The landmark Miranda decision delivered in 1966 said when people were arrested they must be warned they "have the right to remain silent." The 1968 law that was seldom used, said if police failed to read those rights, it did not mean the suspect could not voluntarily incriminate himself.

MCCAIN/GIULIANI

APRIL 20, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:31) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that Senator John McCain was on the campaign trail again. That time it was not for himself, but for New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani. That was McCain's first campaign appearance since dropping out the Republican Presidential race. Both politicians held a Town Hall meeting that day in Long Island. Giuliani was expected to be the Republican Candidate for New York Senate, against First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. McCain said he believed in Giuliani. McCain's backing would help Giuliani get support from independents and moderate Democrats who supported McCain in his bid for President.

CLINTON/GORE

APRIL 22, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:16) TRT 00:14

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that Federal Prosecutors were looking into possible fundraising abuses. They interviewed both President Clinton and Vice President Gore. The interviews were part of a long running investigation into alleged violations of fund-raising laws in the Clinton-Gore re-election campaign. The President was quizzed that day, while the Vice President on Tuesday.

ELIAN

APRIL 25, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:24) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that little Elian Gonzales spent his first weekend in five months with his father. That happened following Saturday morning's raid by Federal agents on his relatives Miami home. That day, the White House was responding to criticism, blaming the relatives for leaving them no choice.

SCOTUS PRIMARY

APRIL 25, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:27) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that voters in California were crossing party lines in the state's blanket primaries, but that could change as the Supreme Court considered the issue. The court was hearing arguments that day. California's political parties had sued the Secretary of State to invalidate the open primary, saying it violated their rights. Supporters of the blanket primary said the practice encouraged more moderate candidates to run for office. At stake was

the future of primaries in California, Louisiana, and Washington. A Supreme Court decision was expected in late June.

SCOTUS PRIMARY

APRIL 25, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:29) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that the U.S. Supreme Court Justices heard oral arguments that day on a lawsuit filed by the State's Political parties. They were being asked to decide the legitimacy of allowing voters to call their ballots for any candidate regardless of party affiliation. Four years previous, California voters adopted the Open Primary System by a wide margin through proposition 198. A ruling on the case was expected by July.

ELIAN

APRIL 25, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:35) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that opinion polls showed the public supported the reuniting of Elian Gonzales with his father over the weekend. Bu many Republicans on Capitol Hill were not happy with the heavy-handed tactics used in the raid. Most Democrats were saying the matter was settled. A bi-partisan group of lawmakers would meet with Attorney General Janet Reno to review tactics in the case. Activists were calling for 700 thousand Cuban Americans in the Miami area to shut down the city in protest the following day.

GARDEN OF ANGELS

APRIL 27, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:34) TRT 00:49

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the California Legislature was considering bills allowing parents to abandon their babies legally. The idea was to provide a safe haven for unwanted babies and reduce the number of baby deaths due to abandonment. A Yucaipa woman, Debi Faris, spear-headed the effort. In 1996 she started recovering bodies of so called "trash can babies" from the coroner's office. She buried them at her private garden of angels cemetery in Calimesa. Senate Bill 1368 would allow parents to leave their babies in a safe place without fear of legal action. Five states had already passed similar laws and 21 others were considering them. There was some opposition to the measure. Fire and police departments did not want babies abandoned at their workplaces. Hospitals were worried about liability issues. No one kept a record of abandoned babies. The coroner said there were about 20 each year in L.A. County.

ELIAN

APRIL 27, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:38) TRT 00:33

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that Elian Gonzales would soon be getting visitors from Cuba, even as the turmoil continued over his removal by Federal Agents. That day, a group of

Cuban American mothers held a silent vigil outside the Justice Department. The group "Mothers against Repression" were demanding that both sides of the Gonzalez family be reunited at a neutral location. Several medical experts also expressed concern about long term damage to the body. While officials were planning to have four of Elian's playmates visit from Cuba, Juan Miguel Gonzalez was asking a Federal Court to give him the sole authority to speak for his son.

CONFEDERATE FLAG

APRIL 28, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:27) TRT 00:22

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that the South Carolina State Senate had just given final approval that day to a compromise plan for the Confederate Flag. The previous day, the State Senate voted to take the flag off the dome of The State Capitol. Instead, fly it from a monument honoring confederate soldiers in front of the Capitol building. The South Carolina NAACP was rejecting the compromise and said its tourism boycott would continue.

STATE PARKS

MAY 4, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:21) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that Governor Davis kicked off state parks month in Calabasas that day. He asked the legislature to cut state park fees in half to make them accessible and affordable for all Californians. The reduced fees could go into effect for some 100 parks and museums by July first. Davis said extra revenue from the state's booming economy would cover the estimated 30 million dollars his proposal would cost.

CASTRO CALL

MAY 9, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:27) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that in communist countries, the first day of May was also "May Day." In Cuba Fidel Castro threw a big party in Havana where he talked with the father of Elian Gonzalez by phone. Hundreds of thousands of Cubans turned out for one of the largest May Day celebrations in years. Castro told the crowd that Juan Miguel Gonzalez sent them his special greetings. The 73-year-old Cuban dictator said he convinced an American court to rule in favor of Elian's father. The large turnout reflected the importance the Cuban Government placed on bringing Elian home.

CUBA BOY

MAY 12, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:32) TRT 00:14

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that from violence to finger pointing that was the latest chapter in the Elian Gonzalez case. That day, the White House blamed Elian's Miami relatives for the armed seizure of the little boy that weekend.

BUSH IN MISSION

MAY 16, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:34) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Texas Governor George Bush brought his Presidential campaign to the Southland that day. The Republican Presidential hopeful was in Mission Viejo that day talking about school vouchers and local control of schools. President Clinton was in Saint Paul, Minnesota, at the nation's first public charter school. He was calling on business and religious groups to become more involved in education.

PEPPER SPRAY

MAY 23, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:19) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported a jury would have to decide if law enforcement officers went too far during a protest in Northern Humboldt County. Officers smeared pepper spray into the closed eyes of protestors during three logging demonstrations in 1997. That day's decision by the San Francisco Federal Appeals court overruled a lower court ruling that dismissed a lawsuit claiming police acted unreasonably.

TWA MISSILE TEST

JUNE 2, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:26) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that it was four years before that TWA Flight 800 crashed out of New York killing all 230 on board. The Government quickly rejected a theory that streaks seen by witnesses came from a missile that downed the jet. Investigators confirmed that they recently fired stinger missiles in a test just to see if it was possible. The results would be known in August. Officials said no new evidence prompted the tests.

HILLARY GUNS

JUNE 7, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:29) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that New York Senate candidate Hillary Clinton was backing legislation to require photo licenses for anyone purchasing a gun. Clinton appeared at a news conference with Senator Charl Schumer, to announce support for his gun control bill. Clinton said she also supported listing every new handgun safety or transfer in a national registry.

CIGARETTE ADS

JUNE 12, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:33) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 reporter Mia Lee reported that Phillip Morris announced it would no longer place ads in dozens of national magazines, like Rolling Stone and Sports Illustrated. The nation's largest

cigarette company said it would stop advertising in magazines that had a lot of teen readers. The tobacco giant was responding to criticism that it would still pitch its product.

QUACKENBUSH

JUNE 14, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:13) TRT 00:14

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported on fireworks in Sacramento when insurance commissioner Chuck Quackenbush showed up to testify at a Senate hearing. The committee grilled Quackenbush on what he did with earthquake settlement money from insurance companies. He had to be subpoenaed to appear. Quackenbush called the hearings a witch hunt.

TEACHER TAX CUT

JUNE 19, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:32) TRT 00:15

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that Governor Gray Davis' plan to exempt teacher from income tax had failed. The House budget committee rejected the proposal. Legislators were suggesting a reduction in the teacher retirement contributions. That was a savings of about 1 thousand dollars a year.

Gore in LA

JUNE 22, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:31) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the campaign trail led Vice President Al Gore to Los Angeles that day with LA County Sheriff Lee Baca by his side. Vice President Al Gore used the training academy as a backdrop for his speech on internet privacy. Gore told the audience that as President he would make it a Federal crime to buy or sell anyone's social security number. Gore was attending two Democratic Party fundraisers that night, one in Beverly Hills, the other in Bel Air.

NIXON TAPES

JUNE 26, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:37) TRT 00:21

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a settlement in a lawsuit over those famous oval office tapes helped bring down the Nixon Presidency. The Justice Department had agreed to pay the Nixon Estate 18n million dollars for the tapes, Presidential papers and other materials. After Nixon resigned, Congress passed a law confiscating what was left behind. The Nixon library and lawyers got most of the settlement.

PEROT REFORM

JUNE 28, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:43) TRT 00:29

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that Supporters said Perot gained enough signatures to qualify him for the ballot spot, in an effort to block Pat Buchanan from becoming the party nominee. Perot was the third party's nominee in the past two presidential elections. He had consistently ruled out running an active campaign for the White House that year. Under party ruled, he had until midnight the following day to accept the ballot position. The nominations committee met that Saturday.

YOUTH

GUN BUY BACK

APRIL 3, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:26) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported on a deal offered by LA Bridges, a multi-agency task force aimed at reducing gang violence. They gave 100 dollars to anyone who handed over a gun. The project was the brainchild of students at Mar Vista's Mark Twain Middle School. The L.A. Bridges program was a partnership project between the L.A. Unified School District, the community development department and the committee on gangs and juvenile justice. It's funded with city, county, and federal money.

KIDS GUNS

APRIL 4, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:14) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that when someone suffered a gunshot wound, doctors would have to deal with the consequences. A doctor's group said current gun control laws did not go far enough. The American Academy of Pediatrics that day called on doctors to lead the fig to get guns out of homes.

DAYCARE SCARE

APRIL 4, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:41) TRT 00:22

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported on a scare at a daycare center. A child was given an overdose of cough medicine that nearly killed him. It happened in Nashville, Tennessee. 20-month-old Blake Brooks was given two teaspoons of medicine instead of a quarter-teaspoon. Blake's parents hoped telling their story would force all daycare centers to be more careful in how they dispense medicine to children. The daycare center was closed pending a hearing the following day.

BABY BITTEN

APRIL 6, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:13) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a family pet attacked an infant and sent her to the hospital. It happened in Fullerton the previous night. The family's shar-pei attacked the baby girl on the soft spot on top of her head causing sever head trauma. Animal control impounded the animal but they were not sure why it attacked. The baby was recovering at UC Irvine Medical Center.

FOUR DEAD CRASH

APRIL 10, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:16) TRT 00:21

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a teenage driver said it was time for him to take responsibility for his actions that killed three of his friends. 18-year-old Marcus Lellan changed his plea that day, pleading guilty to four counts of vehicular manslaughter. He said it was his fault his friends and an innocent bystander died in a high-speed crash the previous February. Lellan could spend ten years in prison.

SCHOOL ARREST

APRIL 12, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:19) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that several students were briefly taken into custody and questioned that day about threats of violence at one Southland school. The case involved James Monroe High School in North Hills. It was not exactly clear what the threats involved but a notice was sent home to parents about the possibility of violence against students and the school. Mayor Riordan touched off a furor when he said the case involved Columbine type violence. Mayor Riordan later apologized for overstating the case. Police that night said the whole thing was nothing but a hoax, no real threats.

RAMSEY

APRIL 14, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:21) TRT 00:21

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported on a stalemate that night in the Jonbenet Ramsey murder case. Police in Boulder, Colorado and the lawyer representing John and Patsy Ramsey said they were each waiting to hear from the other concerning an offer by the Ramsey's to submit to a polygraph test. The sides could not agree on who would conduct the exam. The Ramsey's deny any involvement in their daughter's death.

TEN COMMANDMENTS

APRIL 17, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:37) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that thou shall not post the ten commandments at a high school baseball field. The Supreme Court that day let stand the Downey School Districts ban on posting the commandments. The case had to do with a local advertiser, who included the ten commandments on the sign he paid for at the ball park. That day's action set no legal precedent. However, the court was expected to rule that summer on whether student lead prayers could be said at school sporting events.

TEEN TORTURE

APRIL 18,2000 8:00 P.M. (8:26) TRT 00:35

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that three teenagers were in jail that night after police said they held a girl captive and tortured her for two days. Police said the attack happened inside a home in Hemet. Investigators said the 15-year-old girl went to Trancita Ponce's home the previous Sunday after an argument with her mom. Problems started when Ponce and two others found a note saying the victim wanted to break up with her boyfriend, who was also in the home. Investigators said the suspects also held the girl down and used a sharp object to etch gang symbols on her face and hands.

BOOSTER SEATS

APRIL 19, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:17) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that Ford Motor Company was kicking off a "Boost America" campaign by giving away 500 thousand child boosters seats for kids ages four to eight. Experts said fewer than five percent of older kids used booster seats. They should use them to prevent serious injuries during a crash. The booster seats helped keep lap and shoulder seat belts form riding the high.

RISKY PLAYGROUND

APRIL 19,2000 12:00 P.M. (12:32) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported on a national survey. The "National Program for Playground Safety" looked at more than three thousand playgrounds at schools childcare centers and parks across America. On average most received a "C". About 20 percent got a failing grade for lack of adult supervision. Only six percent had signs labeling equipment appropriate for certain age groups.

ADOLESCENT LEAVE

APRIL 19, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:28) TRT 00:40

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that the number of teenagers getting into serious trouble that day left many working parents worried about leaving their children alone during after school hours, but a new trend was giving parents an option. When 17-year-old Brian Fisher played ball his mother Marcia was on the sidelines cheering him on. Her company offered an array of flexible work options. She worked three days in the office and two days at home. Many studies showed there were a series of societal problems that could happen between the time school was out and parents got home. Experts said "adolescent leave" could be as crucial as maternity leave. Marcia Fisher said being a single parent it was important to be able to spend quality time with her son.

FLYING FISH

APRIL 19, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:34) TRT 00:18

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a peaceful day of snorkeling in Florida turned out to be a bizarre near death experience for a 17-year-old girl. An airborne houndfish was stabbed in her neck. Doctors said that one of the two portions that lodged in the girl's throat came within millimeters of her carotid artery.

TOY GUNS

APRIL 20, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:14) TRT 00:35

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that toy guns were the target of stricter laws, following the deadly shooting of two New York teenagers. Both the guns looked real even though the one on the rig was fake. Members of the group "100 Blacks in Law Enforcement" said that made it difficult to avoid mistakes. Current laws already required toy guns be made in bright colors with caps on the barrels. However, they could be easily changed to look real. The group wanted Legislation that changed the "shape" of toy guns. Two teenagers were killed the previous week in New York, carrying fake guns. Police thought they were the real things.

PIGNAP

APRIL 24, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:36) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a Northern California High School student was pleading with thieves to return her pig. Brenda Allen said when she arrived at the school farm that past Monday she discovered her new pig was missing from its pen. She had just purchased the 85-pound Hampshire with money she earned at a part time job. Brenda was praying "Black Velvet" did not end up as someone's Easter brunch.

LOST BOY FOUND

APRIL 27, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:33) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a two-year-old boy found wandering alone in the streets of San Fernando was safe and back with his family. Around eleven a.m. he was discovered near seventh and Maclay Street in San Fernando. After a search for the little boy's relatives that lasted several hours, police found his family. The boy stayed with police throughout the morning. The said no criminal charges would be filed against the parents.

TEEN REPORT

MAY 4, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:21) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that the President and Mrs. Clinton hosted a White House conference that day on raising responsible teenagers. The event was part of an ongoing

White House response to the Columbine shootings the previous year. Clinton spoke about new research that showed brain development peaked during the early teen years. He said the report showed the importance of paying attention to your teenagers.

KID FOILS CAR JACK

MAY 8, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:34) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that a brave seven-year-old Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania boy got the jump on a would-be car-jacker. The ordeal began when Jordan Jackson rode with his dad and aunt to pick up his younger sibling from daycare. When his dad got out of the van, a man jumped in and ordered Jordan and his aunt to get out. That was when Jordan sprang into action. Jordan's dad heard the commotion and ran to his son's rescue. He threw the suspect to the ground and held him until police arrived.

PLAYGROUND ACCIDENT

MAY 11, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:34) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported on chaos in Chicago that day in Chicago that day after a car plowed into a crowded playground. Eleven people, including four children were hurt. Three of them were hurt seriously. Witnesses said the driver of the car spun through a fence and playground at the Robert Fulton Elementary School yelling he could not stop. It happened just as a crowd gathered for a school awards assembly. The 22-year-old driver was being questioned, but police believed the incident was an accident.

KIDS/INTERNET

MAY 17, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:41) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that parents would not like to hear the news about kids and the internet. Up to one in five children were sexually harassed while surfing. About half the time, those advances came from other children. Those findings were in a new study that day from the University of New Hampshire. It also found that few of those incidents were ever reported to authorities. They usually did not file usual stereotypes. The researchers interviewed 15-hundred children who regularly used the internet.

TEACHER KILLED

MAY 23, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:34) TRT 00:10

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a 13-year-old was accused of killing a teacher and now a grand jury said to treat him as an adult. A controversial decision that could send the boy to prison for life if convicted.

CRAYONS CHANGE

MAY 29, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:26) TRT 00:29

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the government said crayons were safe to use, but even so, the nation's top three crayon makers would change their products to remove asbestos fibers. The government said those fibers posed little risk to kids because they were imbedded in wax. A report the previous month found trace amounts of asbestos in two Crayola crayons and one prang crayon. That prompted the government to conduct further tests. There were no known reports of anyone getting sick from using or making crayons.

KID IN VENDING MACHINE

JUNE 6, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:32) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a young boy in Missouri apparently really wanted a toy from a vending machine. He actually crawled up inside the machine and got stuck. He did not seem to mind. After all, he was having too much fun playing with the toys. He got in though the small hole that the toys drop into. The fire department had to come and get him out.

SLEEPWALKING BOY

JUNE 12, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:28) TRT 00:38

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that on a real scare that morning for the parents of a nine-year-old boy who disappeared from his Los Angeles home, but later turned up safe at a Culver City Mall. Police began a door-to-door search for the child who had a history of sleepwalking. They said the boy's mother heard the front door open around five that morning but were not initially aware that her son was gone. After his safe return, the boy spoke about how his adventure began. The little boy said he was familiar with many of the buildings along his trek to a target store in Culver City where he called his very worried mother.

SKATEBOARD BOY

JUNE 15, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:13) TRT 00:10

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a freak skateboarding accident nearly took the life of a 13-year-old that night. He was out of the hospital, barely able to speak.

BOY SCOUTS

JUNE 19, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:22) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on a major ruling by the Supreme Court that day. The Justices ruled the Boy Scouts of America had a right to bar gay troop leaders organization. The Justices ruled that the New Jersey High Court was wrong to apply state anti-disciplinary law to

the boy scouts. The highest court in the land said forcing the scouts to accept gay troop leaders would violate organization's rights of free expression and free association.

ELIAN TONIGHT

JUNE 21, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:33) TRT 00:22

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that Elian Gonzales was back in Cuba. The US Supreme Court said no more, to the 7-month legal battle for the six-year-old boy. Just hours later, Elian was flying home with his father, and a sad and strange chapter of Cuban-American relations came to an end.

SHOWER GIRL

JUNE 27, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:36) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the high school senior who was suspended the previous month for showering with boys in a male locker room lost the fight to be valedictorian. Leslie Shorb wanted an injunction before graduation on Friday in order to keep her title as class valedictorian. The school board revoked her title after she stripped and showered with 5 boys. The judge denied her request and said she would have to live the school's decision. Shorb stated that she was not going to push the issue any farther.